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SUBJECT: MAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

REF: A. ATHENS 8746 (231009Z AUG 76)

B. STATE 212558 (262155Z AUG 76)

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S TELEPHONE INQUIRY OF
27 AUG REGARDING LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF B,
DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT REFERENCES TO 1947 AGREEMENT
MAY BE REMOVED FROM TEXT AND REFERENCE MADE INSTEAD
TO QUOTE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE QUOTE PROVIDED GOG UNDERSTANDS
THAT THAT REFERENCE INCLUDES THE 1947 AGREEMENT

2. TO THIS END TEXT PROVIDED BY REF B SHOULD READ:

QUOTE: IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING MATTER, THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN
THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS NEW PROVISIONS OF UNITED
STATES LAW ESTABLISHING NEW STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR
MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING HITHERTO FURNISHED
BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE
UNDER ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND PROHIBITING
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THE FURNISHING OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR RELATED

TRAINING UNLESS THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY AGREES THAT IT WILL OBSERVE THE SAME CONDITIONS REGARDING TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICES AS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO THE USE, TRANSFER, SECURITY, OBSERVATION AND RETURN OF DEFENSE ARTICLES. AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC CONTAIN THE REQUISITE ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE ARTICLES, DEFENSE SERVICES AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO GREECE. SINCE AT THE TIME THE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO FORCE, TRAINING WAS FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS THEM AS BEING APPLICABLE TO TRAINING TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE SEPARATE MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC THAT IT CONSTRUES THE AGREEMENT IN FORCE THE SAME WAY AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, NO FURTHER AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AFORESAID NEWLY-ENACTED PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES LAW. UNQUOTE

3. REGARDING EMBASSY'S INQUIRY CONCERNING THE 80 OBLIGATION OF MAP, AGREEMENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE SIGNED BY AUGUST 31. LAW REQUIRES THAT 80 OF WORLD-WIDE MAP APPROPRIATION FOR FY 1976 HAS TO BE OBLIGATED BY AUGUST 31. THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MET. KISSINGER

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